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USS TRUXTUN

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TAGS: MNUC, OCLR,CE
SUBJ: VISIT OF USS TRUXTUN TO COLOMBO

1. JULY 25 PROVINCIAL EDITION OF GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED
CEYLON DAILY NEWS CARRIED ITEM THAT USS TRUXTUN NOT ALLOWED
TO ENTER COLOMBO HARBOR. STORY DID NOT APPEAR IN LATER
CEYLON DAILY NEWS CITY EDITION NOR IN ANY OTHER LOCAL PUBLICATION.
EARLIER FACTUAL ICA PRESS RELEASE ON TRUXTUN'S ARRIVAL PICKED
UP BY CEYLON DAILY NEWS, INDEPENDENT DAILY SUN, AND INDEPENDENT
TAMIL-LANGUAGE VIRAKESARI.
2. NEWS REPORT SAID THAT A NUCLEAR WARSHIP OF THE U.S. NAVY,
USS TRUXTUN, THAT CALLED HERE ON JULY 19 WAS NOT ALLOWED TO
ENTER HARBOR. PILOT STATION STAFF WERE INSTRUCTED TO SIGNAL
THE VESSEL TO ANCHOR IN THE COLOMBO ROADS -- THE ANCHORAGE OUTSIDE
HARBOUR. THIS STEP WAS TAKEN AS A MATTER OF POLICY SINCE THE
VESSEL WAS DRIVEN BY A NUCLEAR REACTOR. HOWEVER CREW OF THE
WARSHIP CAME ASHORE IN THEIR OWN LAUNCHES. THE USS TRUXTUN, PART OF
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THE U.S. SEVENTH FLEET, SAILED AWAY ON FRIDAY.
3. COMMENT: SRI LANKAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND NAVAL OFFICERS
FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT ANCHORING OF TRUXTUN OUTSIDE HARBOR WAS
PURELY U.S. NAVAL OPERATIONAL DECISION, AND SAID THIS TO INQUIRING
NEWSMEN. SOURCE OF ERRONEOUS ARTICLE ABOVE IS UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY
AND SRI LANKAN OFFICIALS.
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